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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, CA

SUBJECT: POPLAR RIVER

REF: STATE 182556

1. EMBOFF PROVIDED BRADY OF USA DIVISION IN EXTAFV REVISED TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER TO THE IJC AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL.
2. BRADY'S FIRST REACTION TO TEXT WAS TO EXPRESS GENERAL CONCURRENCE WITH IT TEMPERED BY STRONG CAVEATS THAT CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY WELL FACT CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES WITH SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OVER GENERAL ISSUE OF POPLAR RIVER POLLUTION. DRAFT TEXT WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND BRADY WAS NOT SURE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PROVINCIAL CONCURRENCE PRIOR TO AUG 26 MEETING. IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT SASKATCHEWAN MAY BE RESTING ITS POSITION ON NARROW LEGAL INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE II OF BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY.
3. BRADY WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER MONTANA AND USG OFFICIALS WERE GOING TO PRESS FOR A BROADENED AUGUST 26 MEETING WHICH WOULD CONSIDER OTHER ASPECTS OF POPLAR RIVER PROBLEM. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO KNOW SINCE HE WOULD HAVE TO APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ACCORDINGLY.

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4. COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT THAT CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERN-

MENT IN GENERAL CONCURS WITH US ON POPLAR RIVER ISSUE.  
EMBOFF RAISED POINTS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL AND  
BRADY GENERALLY CONCURRED IN ALL POINTS. HIS REAL PROBLEM  
IS NOT THE THRUST OF US ARGUMENTS, BUT RATHER POSSIBLE  
INABILITY TO GET SASKATCHEWAN TO COOPERATE AND  
THAT SASKATCHEWAN MAY PRESS FORWARD ON BASIS ITS  
INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE II. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
WHETHER MONTANA OFFICIALS AND USG WISH TO ENLARGE SCOPE OF  
AUGUST 26 MEETING. EMBASSY MIGHT ALSO SUGGEST REVIEW OF ARTIC-  
CLE II TO COUNTER ANY ARGUMENTS SASKATCHEWAN MIGHT  
MAKE BASED ON THIS PROVISION OF 1909 TREATY.  
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